

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2268 - SB 2255

March 24, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the appointment of a permanent guardianship by order of the juvenile court for a child, either in or out of state custody, who has been adjudicated dependent or neglected, unruly or delinquent; outlines considerations by the court in determining the best interests of the child; permanent guardianship does not terminate the child and parent relationship. Government benefits and entitlements will be based upon parent's income rather than the income of the permanent guardian.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:


Other Fiscal Impact – Permanent guardianship may provide cost avoidance for the Department of Children's Service for expenditures for the child that the permanent guardian will make for the child. If the child has special needs for which the department will continue to pay or if the child has been with a relative that has not received foster care payments, the cost avoidance will not be significant.

Assumptions:

- Government benefits for which the child may qualify will be based upon the parent's income and paid to the permanent guardian. Income of the permanent guardian will not disqualify the child from any benefit or entitlement.
- Permanent guardian will provide support to the child placed under guardianship.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director